

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

June 22, 2009 to July 15, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal financial assistance activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk Airport Authority is proposing to construct a nine-story parking garage at Norfolk International Airport. The structure will have an exterior exit ramp, a new exit plaza and reconfigured ingress/egress. The garage will be constructed on an existing surface parking lot and over a portion of a freshwater pond that was formerly a part of Lake Whitehurst. The pond is utilized as a stormwater pond for airport property and contains non-tidal wetlands. More than an acre and a half of the pond would be filled, and a new stormwater management pond would be constructed on nearly two acres. A federal consistency certification submitted for the project indicates that the project will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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